

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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July 21-August 3, 2008

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at www.interpretiveservices.in.gov.

Monday July 21

- 9:00am **Fishing Fun!** Join interpreter Aaron Homan at the Inn Beach where he will provide some introduction and instruction for a morning of fishing. Children under 17 do not require a license. Bait, poles and tackle provided on a limited basis, or bring your own. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** It's our new program for kids and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can work towards a patch or pin. We meet one hour a day to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. AH
- 3:00pm **Tracking up a Tee Shirt.** Bring a clean tee shirt to the Nature Center Program Area and track it up with some footprints of some common Pokagon critters. A nice memory from your Pokagon visit! Great family fun! DH

Tuesday July 22

- 9:00am **Butterflies of Trail 8!** Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off on to Trail 8 across the road. It's a good trail and a great time for butterflies. It's a good walk too, so a water bottle or canteen may come in handy. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Just for Kids – the Earthworm Story.** For kids, but you can bring the parents and come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on this lowly, slimy but fascinating critter. DH

Wednesday July 23

- 10:00am **Lake Looking.** Swim suits or shorts are the dress of the day as we meet at the Potawatomi Inn Beach for an aquatic investigation of Lake James. We'll be searching for the variety of life occurring along the shore and beneath the water's surface. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Snake Survival!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short "show 'n' tell" type session on one of our most interesting group of animals – the snakes. We'll look at the common, and not so common, ones of this area, and discuss how they survive with us and we with them. DH

Thursday July 24

- 10:00am **Damsels and Dragons! - a hike.** Discover these unique insects and the wetland world in which they live. Meet at the Inn Main Entrance and join us for about an hour walk down in the nearby wetlands. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Pop Goes the Weasel!** Come to the Nature Center Program Auditorium for a nice, short discussion on a very interesting group of North American mammals (some of which are quite rare!). AH

Friday July 25

- 10:00am **Trail Two Trek.** Join us at the Spring Shelter for a good two-hour trek taking us up to Snow Lake at the north border of the park and back. (Parking available above the Spring Shelter if you're driving from the Inn) AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. FW
- 3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close-up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. Meet on the Nature Center Front Lawn! AH
- 7:00pm **Memory Makers.** Come to the Nature Center for an evening of scrap booking – camping style, as you preserve your Pokagon memories. A nice way to wrap up a day! DF

Saturday July 26

- 10:30am **Flora and Fauna of Fields and Forests.** Gather at the Nature Center Parking Lot for a short, 45 minute walk taking us through a variety of habitats and the plants special to them. It's a great time for summer bloomers! FW
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Ready to Play?!** Meet us at the Nature Center Program Area for an opportunity to go wild! Fun outdoor games for the whole family! Join us!! DF

Sunday July 27

CCC Company 556 Annual Open House and Reunion Today!

Join us today as we recognize the “boys that built Pokagon!” Informal Album/artifact viewing and a special morning program takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium. 9am to Noon.

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** Get up and get some fresh air on this short jaunt up the road and back as we watch for deer and other critters moving about in the new day. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck.
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. DF

Monday July 28

- 10:30am **The Incredible Shrinking Nature Hike!** Gather at the Nature Center Program Area where YOU get to be the naturalist and design a hike on a very small scale! Will we get eaten by spiders or saved by an army of ants?! More great family fun! DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Outdoor Cooking: Beyond the Hot Dog!** Experiment with delicious new ways to feed your outdoors family and share your favorite camping recipe! Join us at the Nature Center Program Area. DF



Tuesday July 29

- 9:00am **Trail Nine at Nine!** Put on the walking shoes for this, our longest, most rigorous walk! Meet the interpreter at the Inn Main Entrance and plan on being out most of the morning as we head out trail 3 and cover all of trail 9. A water bottle is recommended. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. DH
- 3:00pm **If I had a hammer...** Try this new approach for flower pressing and make a unique keepsake. All children need adult supervision. Please bring a hammer if you have one (or borrow one of ours) and meet at the Nature Center. DF
- 7:00pm **Lichen Hikin'** Join us at the Campground Office bulletin board for an evening stroll and hopeful encounters with some of nature's oldest, perfect couples. DF

Wednesday July 30

- 10:00am **Minnow Madness.** Join the park interpreter down at the Inn Beach where we'll be catching minnows for our wetland displays at the Nature Center and fish tank at the Inn. Shorts or swimsuits will be the dress for the day! If you're a critter catcher, this program is for you! AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Wee Beasties Under High Power.** Awesome!! Is what you'll say, spying on little creatures and other small features through microscopes, hand lenses, discovery scopes and special computer enhanced magnification. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium. DF

Thursday July 31
No programs today. Nature Center is open though 10 to 5pm.!



Friday August 1

- 10:00am **A Potawatomi Exploration.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a 1-½ hour discovery hike into the relatively untouched wilds of the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Insect Safari!** Fly, swoop, or crawl over to the Nature Center Program Area for a special safari into our fields and forests. We'll be investigating the life of grasshoppers, crickets, butterflies, and beetles with the help of some magnifying glasses and nets. Join us! AH

Saturday August 2

- 10:30am **Thistle Stop!** All aboard the Naturalist Express! Meet the naturalist on the Nature Center Front Deck, from where we'll head out on a 45-minute hike. We'll take several thistle stops along the way to see what critters might be doing the same. FW
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. DH
- NOON To 2:00pm **Bicycle Rodeo Today! South Beach Parking Lot. Check Recreation Program Schedule for Details!**
- 3:00pm **Leaf it Be!** A very simple craft involving paper, crayons, and ... leaves! Join us in the Nature Center Program Area for a look at how you can create a little art for hanging, note cards, placemats, etc... AH
- 9:30pm **Moth Attraction!** Come and go as you please at the Campground Amphitheater as resident lepidopterist Aaron hooks up his super mercury vapor light to bring in the night winged insects. Ever wonder what bugs swarm those street lights and why they are attracted? This program is for you. Aaron recommends sunglasses due to the closeness of the bright light. Sounds weird, but grab your shades (bug juice might be good, too!). AH

Sunday August 3

- 7:30am **Early Morning Meander.** See Sunday, July 27 for details. FW
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Monday, July 21 for details. FW

**For Healthy People – Healthy Parks Activities,
ask for our Recreation Program Schedule at all park offices and gates!**

Nature Center Summer Season Hours: 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Daily